

UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah saw a little moisture over the last week with 10 of the 34 weather stations reporting 0.02 inches of precipitation or more, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level condition rating improved, while subsoil moisture conditions declined. Winter wheat condition rated good to excellent decreased from 32 percent to 22 percent. Good to excellent condition ratings rose for cattle and calves from 81 percent to 85 percent and sheep and lambs from 65 percent to 74 percent. The percentage of cattle and calves receiving supplemental feed is 84 percent, the same percentage as a year ago. Sheep and lambs receiving supplemental feed is significantly less than last year at 60 percent compared to 80 percent a year ago. Box Elder County reports a very dry, warm winter with little precipitation. Sevier County reports exceptionally dry conditions, causing planted small grains to barely germinate. Grand County reports very dry conditions both in valleys and on mountains. Beaver County reports livestock doing well, but snowpack and soil moisture are poor. Iron County reports very dry conditions lately, although a storm last week temporarily improved conditions. Garfield and Kane Counties report very dry and mild winter with low snow pack. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 24 percent short, and 70 percent adequate.

Monthly reports will be released for February on Monday, February 26, 2018; and for March on Monday, March 26, 2018.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Cattle and calves						
Cows calved	6	1	3	NA		
Receiving supplemental feed	84	70	84	NA		
Sheep and lambs						
Ewes lambed – farm flock	4	NA	4	NA		
Receiving supplemental feed	60	56	80	NA		

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	8		NA
Short	25	41	3	NA
Adequate	60	51	78	NA
Surplus	1		19	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	10		NA
Short	38	26	3	NA
Adequate	49	64	82	NA
Surplus			15	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range	• /	. ,		
Very poor	7	7	1	NA
Poor	15	14	2	NA
Fair	42	50	48	NA
Good	36	29	48	NA
Excellent			1	NA
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	9			NA
Poor	18	4		NA
Fair	51	64	59	NA
Good	20	30	41	NA
Excellent	2	2		NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor				NA
Poor	1	3	1	NA
Fair	14	16	21	NA
Good	76	78	77	NA
Excellent	9	3	1	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor				NA
Poor	2	3	1	NA
Fair	24	32	25	NA
Good	67	63	74	NA
Excellent	7	2		NA

NA – not available

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Utah's weather data can be accessed at the following: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Utah/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2018/UT-Weather-01282018.pdf